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SUBJ: SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION SSH FUNDS STATUS

REF: STATE 047508

1. TO DATE HAVE EXPENDED APPROXIMATELY TOTAL DOLS 20,000 FROM FUND NO. 523/74/07 FOR ALMOST COMPLETED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION SITE IN LIBREVILLE. OF THIS AMOUNT DOLS 13,000 IS FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND THE BALANCE FOR NON-EXPENDABLE TOOLS AND ACCESSORIES.

2. ONE TEAM PRESENTLY PREPARING TO BEGIN SCHOOL AT LASTOURSVILLE AND FY75 COSTS ESTIMATED AT DOLS 14,000 WITH COMPLETION DATE SET FOR MID-JUNE.

3. ESTIMATE SECOND TEAM WILL BEGIN THIRD SCHOOL AT LECONI END OF APRIL AND ALMOST COMPLETE BY END FY75 AT TOTAL COST OF DOLS 14,000.

4. MATERIAL PURCHASES FOR FOURTH SCHOOL AT OBILI WILL PROBABLY BEGIN IN JUNE WHEN THIRD CONSTRUCTION TEAM FORMED. COSTS AGAIN WILL TOTAL DOLS 14,000. (COSTS FOR THIS SCHOOL MAY WELL BE HIGHER GIVEN HIGHLY INACCESSIBLE LOCATION OF OBILI, NORTHWEST OF FRANCEVILLE.)

5. SUMMARY: FY74 FUNDS EXPENDED THUS FAR: DOLS 20,000. PLAN SPENDING DOLS 8,942 REMAINING OF FY74 FUNDS AND MINIMUM DOLS 33,000 (OR 40,000 ASSUMING HIGHER CONSTRUCTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COSTS FOR OBILI SCHOOL) OF FY 75 FUNDS BY END OF AUGUST 1975.

6. FYI. GOG DIRECT CONTRIBUTION OF FOUR VEHICLES ON FEBRUARY
27 TO CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AT COST DOLS 38,666
SHOULD ACCELERATE WORK PROGRESS CONSIDERABLY.

7. COMMENT: FOREGOING SCHEDULE OF ACTUAL AND ESTIMATED
COSTS LOWER THAN THOSE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED. THIS DUE
TO ALL OUT EFFORT BY PEACE CORPS/GABON TO HOLD DOWN COSTS,
HUSBAND RESOURCES, DEVELOP CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES. MAJOR
ECONOMY WAS ACHIEVED, FOR EXAMPLE, BY INDUCING LOCAL
MANUFACTURER TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF HIS BUILDING BLOCKS,
THUS OBTAINING NECESSITY OF USING HIGH COST IMPORTED MATERIALS.
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